

REMARKS

The above-identified application is United States application serial number 09/871,320 filed on May 30, 2001. Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Claims 1-14 are allowed. Claims 15-20 are rejected.

Rejection of Claim Under 35 USC §103

Claims 15, 16, and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Stephenson et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,822,637) in view of Tanaka et al. (U.S. Patent Publication 2003/0007169). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections at least on the basis that the combined references do not disclose "a processor . . . adapted to . . . convert operation of a user interface in the digital camera." Even if the camera display 18 is considered as the user interface of the digital camera, as proposed by the Examiner, no conversion of operation of the camera display takes place and no operation performed by the host processor leads to a change in operation of the camera display. Whether the camera 10 disclosed by Stephenson is attached or detached from the printer 12, the operation of the camera display 18 remains the same. Similarly, Stephenson in view of Tanaka further fail to disclose "a processor . . . adapted to . . . convert operation of a user interface in the digital camera from an interface specific to the digital camera to an interface specific to the identified hosting device." Attachment of the camera 10 disclosed by Stephenson to the printer 12 does not convert operation of the user interface in the digital camera to a user interface which is specific to the hosting device since, once the camera 10 is attached to the printer 12, the camera display 18 no longer functions as a user interface. What is disclosed and claimed by the Applicants is a user interface that functions as a user interface to the digital camera until converted through operation of the host processor. After such conversion by the host processor, the user interface of the camera functions as a user interface for user interactions with the host device. In contrast, Stephenson discloses a camera display 18 which may be considered as a user interface with respect to the camera when the camera 10 is not attached to the printer 12. Once the camera 10 is attached to the printer 12, the camera display 18 is no longer operative as a user interface.

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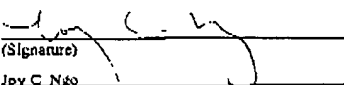
Claims 17-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Stephenson et al. U.S. Patent 5,822,637 in view of Tanaka et al. U.S. Patent Publication 2003/0007169 and Reece et al. U.S. Patent 5,893,037. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections of Claims 17-19 at least on the basis of being dependent from an allowable base claim.

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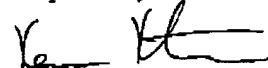
CONCLUSION

Applicants believe all remaining claims are in form for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. No new matter has been added. In the event it would facilitate prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (949) 251-0250.

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